



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



News Release

Cooperating with the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12235

Contact: Joseph Morse
518-457-5570
www.nass.usda.gov/ny

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, August 19, 2009

JULY MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED

New York dairy herds produced 1.09 billion pounds of milk during July according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field office. Milk cows declined while production per cow increased from the previous year resulting in a 2.6 percent increase in milk production compared to July 2008. The number of milk cows averaged 622,000 head, down 4,000 head from July of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,745 pounds up 55 pounds from the July 2008 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$11.60 per hundredweight of milk sold during July, unchanged from June and \$8.40 below July a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from July 2008. June revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from June 2008. The June revision represented an increase of 34 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,769 pounds for July, 25 pounds above July 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 115,000 head less than July 2008, and 34,000 head less than June 2009. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

#

8-19-09